[Translation]

Establishment of Industries by Panchayati Raj

2750. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Panchayati Raj has established industries in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh so as to strengthen the economy and to over come the unemployment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons likely to get employment from such industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) Panchayati Raj being State subject the detaiis in regtard to establishing industries in rural areas and number of persons likely to get employment from such industries in the State of Uttar Pradesh are not maintained by this Ministry.

[English]

Efficiency Unit

2751. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK :
SHRI CHITTA BASU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up an efficiency unit for priority areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) An Efficiency Unit has been constituted w.e.f. 7.2.97 as a part of the Cabinet Secretariat in order to undertake result-oriented studies on priority areas like the re-organisation of Central Government and its agencies, privatisation and contracting-out of services, inter-departmental coordination, greater departmental autonomy, performance contracts and flexible staffing, required amendments to relevan laws and procedures and follow up actions on the recommendations of various Expert Groups. This is in pursuance of the thrust of the Government for effective and responsive administration. The Unit is located in the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.

2. It has been decided that the Policy Division of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances consisting of a Deputy Secretary, an Under Secretary and supporting staff would service the Efficiency Unit, which will be placed under the Additional Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances for day-to-day supervision.

[Translation]

Power Sub-Stations at Azamgarh

2752. DR. BALIRAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether many power sub-stations at Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh are not functioning;

(b) if so, the reasons and details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make these operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) As per information given by Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board, the Power Sub-station Azamgarh district are working. However, some Sub-stations are old and over-loaded due to which sometimes power supply is affected.

(b) The supply to consumers of Azamgarh Tehsil is bing made through 2x20 MVA 132/33 KV Sub-station, Azamgarh and 8 Nos. other 33/11 KV Sub-stations out of which the Transformers (10+5 MVA, 33/11 KV) at 132 Sub-station, Azamgarh and 5 other places are over-loaded.

The switchgears at old 33/11 KV Sub-station also frequently breaks-down due to which power supply is affected.

(c) Two nos. new 33/11 KV, 5 MVA Sub-stations i.e. at Zagarpur and Bhanwarnath are proposed for construction so as to reduce the over-loading at the existing Sub-stations. The UPSEB has informed that subject to availability of funds the work will be included in the programme for 1997-98.

Use of Official Language

2753. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV :Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry propose to implement the national language Hindi, as an official language;

(b) whether the Chairman and Members of the Official Language Implementation Committee, who are entrusted with the task of implementation of Hindi at all levels in his Ministry, do not use Hindi in their official work;

(c) if so, the manner in which the use of official language Hindi will be encouraged; and